

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
MARCH 24, 2005

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Henderson and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked for bids to be submitted and for attendees to sign-in on a sheet being circulated for a public hearing. Mr. Guy Needham, of Piedmont, gave an invocation.

The Commission approved the payment of warrants issued, to-wit:

Ms. Prudence Hilburn was presented a proclamation by the Commissioners in recognition of her culinary expertise and community service.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as submitted. Commissioner Hess made the motion, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the minutes.

County Administrator Ken Joiner advised that the bid for the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency roof repair received from CentiMark in the amount of \$36,260 was determined by the EMA Director to be the lowest compliant bid for the project. Mr. Joiner further advised that the Chairman signed a contract on March 15th, 2005, with CentiMark to perform the work, as authorized by the Commission at the previous meeting. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to ratify the action of the Chairman and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt resolutions concerning the following nuisance abatements: (1) property of Truman Puckett located at 331 West 40th Street, Anniston; and (2) property of C. Lanning Bingham located at 1024 Jo Ann Drive, Anniston. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (2 RESOLUTIONS ATTACHED)

A public hearing was conducted by Diane McClellan, with East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, to discuss the closeout of the Community Development Block Grant project for street paving and water line extension for the Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project. Ms. McClellan advised that the project was successfully completed under budget. There were no comments from those in attendance, and the public hearing was closed.

A second public hearing was conducted by Diane McClellan, with East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, to discuss an application for a Community Development Block Grant. Ms. McClellan discussed the eligibility requirements, including housing rehabilitation, water and sewer system extensions, street and drainage improvements and other identified community special needs to principally benefit individuals of low and moderate income. She advised the maximum grant

amount is \$400,000, with 10% local match. There was further discussion concerning the possibility of applying for a blight reduction and neighborhood revitalization project. No comments were heard from those in attendance, and the public hearing was closed.

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened bids received from Orr Protection Systems and International Fire Protection for equipment and services to be provided to the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency in connection with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) for a Clean Agent Fire Suppression System to be integrated into the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Joiner advised that both companies had attended a mandatory pre-bid conference. However, Orr Protection Systems did not include a bid bond with their submission, as required. Therefore, the only compliant bidder appeared to be International Fire Protection. Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the EMA Director to negotiate with the only compliant bidder and to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for the work as recommended by the EMA Director. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened four bids received for equipment and services to be provided to the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency in connection with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) for a Closed Circuit Television System to be completed at the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Joiner advised that the four bidders had attended a pre-bid conference as required. Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Downing, to refer the bids to the EMA Director for review and a recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Bids were opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner for five digital copiers for the Calhoun County Sheriff's office. Commissioner Downing made a motion to refer the five bids received to the Sheriff and the County Administrator for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to refer the single bid received for one or more 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicles to the Calhoun County Sheriff for review and a recommendation. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the motion.

A joint resolution of the Calhoun County Commission and Calhoun County 911 District Board of Commissioners was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted to adopt the resolution. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Engineer Charles Markert advised that one bid was received and opened on March 8, 2005, for bridge culvert and approaches over a tributary to Coldwater Creek on Gate 8 Road, and relocation of Wellingham Bridge Road and Bagley Drive West, CSEPP

Evacuation Route Project No. CCP-08-80-04. Mr. Markert further advised that the bid, submitted by McCartney Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$472,306.20, was over-budget and negotiations were unsuccessful; therefore, it is his recommendation, as well as the recommendation of the project engineers, Thompson Engineering, that the bid be rejected. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to declare the following vehicles and equipment from the Calhoun County Highway Department to be surplus property, and to be offered for sale on Gov Deals. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (LIST ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner recommended authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. Mr. Joiner explained the agreement is required to cover the necessary and reasonable costs for a financial audit of the Calhoun County Commission for a one-year period from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment to the maintenance contract with Motorola for accessories to maintain the 800 MHz portable radios, as recommended by EMA Director Dan Long. Mr. Long advised that the service agreement inventory adjustment would provide an overall savings to the county and would allow users in the field to obtain needed replacement parts faster. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AMENDMENT IN FILE)

County Engineer Charles Markert advised that competitive sealed bids will be received and opened on March 31, 2005, for services and equipment to provide GPS data collection services for the Calhoun County Highway Department. Mr. Markert further advised that there is an urgent need to proceed with the project as soon as possible; therefore, he asked that the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract for the work with the lowest, responsive bidder. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

An ABC Board application in the name of Gregory Daniel Steward, dba Steward's Market #102, located at 8960 Alabama Highway 9, Anniston, Alabama 36207, was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised that the same location was previously licensed in the name of Goss and Goss, LLC, dba White Plains Snack and Save. This was the first reading and no further action was required.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented budget amendments for FY2005 for the period 10/1/2004 through 3/24/2005, and recommended approval. Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which Commissioner Abbott seconded, to approve the budget

amendments, which total a net decrease in budgeted expenditures of \$3,054,962.03.
(BUDGET AMENDMENTS ATTACHED)

A supplemental agreement #1 to the contract with Alabama Bridge Builders, Inc. for bridge replacement and approaches over Choccolocco Creek on Old Downing Mill Road, CSEPP Evacuation Route Project #CCP-08-84-04, was presented by County Engineer Charles Markert. Mr. Markert advised that certain additions and deletions to the original contract are necessary to relocate the water line, and there would be no additional cost involved. Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

County Administrator Ken Joiner recommended passage of a bank resolution, which is necessary in order to change the bank signatures due to the chairmanship rotation. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. Comments and commendations followed by each Commissioner toward outgoing Chairman Henderson and new Chairman Hess. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

There was no further business to come before the Commission and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.